

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A bed rail comprising:
a support portion ~~joined to~~ and a rail portion movably coupled to the support portion;

the support portion being adjustable to grip top and bottom surfaces of a member such as a mattress member independently of a position of the movable rail portion; and

locking means for releaseably locking the support portion at a desired gripping position.

2. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 1 wherein said rail portion is pivotally coupled to said support portion and is moveable between an upright position and a released position wherein the rail portion is pivoted toward a sidewall of the mattress member, movement of said rail portion being independent of said support portion.

3. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 2 further comprising:

second releasable locking means for locking the rail portion to said support portion at at least the upright position.

4. (Original) The bed rail of claim 1 wherein said rail portion has a substantially rectangular-shaped frame; and

a lightweight rugged net-like member joined to said frame and spanning a hollow region surrounded by said frame.

5. (Original) The bed rail of claim 4 wherein said net-like member has elongated sleeves for slideably receiving frame members of said frame to secure the net-like member to the frame.

6. (Original) The bed rail of claim 4 wherein said net-like member is a lightweight netting.

7. (Original) The bed rail of claim 4 wherein the net-like member is provided with a pocket provided for storage purposes.

8. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 1 wherein said support portion is comprised of upper and lower L-shaped bracket pairs;

one arm of each of the upper pair of L-shaped brackets being configured for engaging a top of the mattress member and being joined to said rail portion;

elongated members, each having one end joined to the remaining arm of each of said upper L-shaped brackets and having a lower end slideably engaging one hollow arm of an associated one of the lower L-shaped brackets;

said releasable locking means locking each elongated member to one of the lower L-shaped brackets; and

a pair of base members, each coupled to a remaining arm of one of the lower L-shaped brackets, each lower arm being configured for engaging a bottom of the mattress member.

9. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein the base members are pivotally coupled to the lower L-shaped brackets by a pivot pin.

10. (Original) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein said elongated member has a plurality of openings arranged at spaced intervals along one surface thereof;

wherein said releasable locking means is normally biased in a direction toward said openings and enters one of said openings when aligned therewith; and

wherein said releasable locking means is moveable to a releasing position displaced from said openings to enable sliding movement of the elongated member relative to the lower L-shaped bracket.

11. (Original) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein each of said elongated members is slidably inserted into a hollow interior of an associated one of said arms of said lower L-shaped bracket.

12. (Previously presented) The bedrail of claim 8 wherein each of said elongated members and an associated one of said lower L-shaped brackets is slidably received by the other of said elongated members and an associated arm of said lower L-shaped brackets.

13. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein each base member has a surface for engaging an underside of a mattress, said surface having at least one portion thereof which is provided with a surface configuration that promotes gripping between the mattress and the base member.

14. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein an underside of each of said upper L-shaped brackets has a surface for engaging a mattress, said

surface having at least one portion thereof that is provided with a surface configuration that promotes gripping between the mattress member and the L-shaped bracket.

15. (Original) The bed rail of claim 14 wherein the surface configuration is a saw-toothed configuration.

16. (Original) The bed rail of claim 1 wherein said rail portion is selectively extendible and collapsible.

17. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 16 wherein said rail portion includes a frame assembly comprised of frame halves that are movable relative to one another to selectively extend and ~~collapse~~ contract said frame.

18. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 17 wherein a pair of free ends of one of said frame halves is telescopingly received within hollow interiors of a pair of free ends of another one of said frame halves.

19. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 18 wherein one pair of said free ends are hollow tubular-shaped members.

20. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 1 further comprising retaining means releasably coupled to said support portion and having at least one retaining plate engaging the mattress member along one side that is opposite another side of the mattress member engaged by said support portion, and

a web extending beneath the mattress member for retaining the bed rail against the mattress member.

21. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 20 wherein said retaining means comprises a flat rigid member adapted to rest against said one side of the mattress member and being coupled to one end of said web, another end of said web being coupled to said support portion.

22. (Original) The bed rail of claim 21 wherein said web is an elongated fabric web.

23. (Previously presented) The bed rail of claim 22 wherein said web is releasably coupled between said support portion and said retaining means by releasable locking means.

24. (Currently amended) The bed rail of claim 8 wherein said base members are each pivotally coupled to one of said lower L-shaped brackets and are movable between an extended position for placement beneath a mattress member and a collapsible position with a free end of the base members pivoted toward said upper L-shaped brackets.

25. (Currently amended) A bed rail comprising a support portion and a rail portion secured to the support portion;

the support portion having a pair of lower members being ~~provided~~ configured for positioning beneath a member such as a mattress member and a pair of upper members joined to said rail portion and configured to engage a top of the mattress member; and

said rail portion being pivotally coupled to the upper members of said support portion and moveable, independently of said support portion, between an upright position and a released position wherein the rail portion is pivoted downwardly toward a sidewall of the mattress to facilitate climbing upon and climbing off of the mattress.

26. (Original) The bed rail of claim 25 further comprising releasable locking means for locking the rail portion to the support portion in the upright position.

27. (Original) The bed rail of claim 26 wherein the releasable locking means includes a push button for unlocking the releasable locking means.

28. (Currently amended) A bed rail comprising:
a support portion having an upper and lower generally parallel arms separated by a vertical member that adjusts to define a distance between them, with the lower arm being a greater length than the upper arm;

the vertical member including a locking member that retains the upper and lower arms at the defined distance, whereby portions of said upper and lower arms are configured to respectively engage top and bottom surfaces of a member such as a mattress member to releasably secure the bedrail to the mattress member; and

a rail portion of variable area that is pivotally attached to the upper parallel ~~arm~~ arms for ~~selection~~ movement between an engaged position and a disengaged position and means for fixing the rail portion in at least the engaged position.

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29. (Previously presented) The bedrail of claim 1 wherein a lower end of said rail portion is coupled to an upper end of said support portion so as to be positioned inwardly from an adjacent side of the mattress member.